| SI. No. | State | Hospital |
|---|---|---|
| 13. | Kerala | ESI Hospital, Asramam, Kollam |
| 14. | Maharashtra | ESI Hospital, Chinchwad, Pune |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | ESI Hospital, Nagda |
| 16. | Orissa | ESI Hospital, Rourkela |
| 17. | Punjab | ESI Hospital, Ludhiana |
| 18. | Rajasthan | ESI Hospital, Jaipur |
| 19. | Tamil Nadu | ESI Hospital, K.K. Nagar |
| 20-21. | Uttar Pradesh | ESI Hospital, NOIDA ESI Hospital, Sahibadab |
| 22. | West Bengal | ESI Hospital, Thakurpukur |

**Minimum wages for agricultural labourers**

*275. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for determination of the existing number of agricultural workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof male, female separately, State-wise;

(c) the rate of minimum wages prescribed for them and the manner in which it is implemented;

(d) whether Government are considering the revision of existing minimum wages for agricultural labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The results of the Census and periodic surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) are-the main source of data for the number of agricultural workers in the country. According to the Census 2001, the details of number of agricultural workers male, female separately, State-wise is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(c) to (e) Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and State Governments are the appropriate Governments to fix

and revise minimum wages in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions. According to the Act, the appropriate Governments review/revise the minimum wages in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions at an interval not exceeding five years. In-certain cases minimum wages include variable deamess allowance (VDA), which is reviewed/revised periodically twice a year effective April and October. The rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers by different Governments both in State and Central spheres are given in Statement-ll.

***Statement-I***

*Details of agricultural workers in respect male, female separately, State-wise;*

(Source: Census 2001)

| SI. No. | Name of the State/UTs | Number of Agricultural Labourers | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Male | Female | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 6453741 | 7378411 | 13832152 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 10329 | 8511 | 18840 |
| 3. | Assam | 832508 | 431024 | 1263532 |
| 4. | Bihar | 8730251 | 4687493. | 13417744 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 1262559 | 1828799 | 3091358 |
| 6. | Goa | 15970 | 19836 | 35806 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 2509651 | 2652007 | 5161658 |
| 8. | Haryana | 717133 | 561688 | 1278821 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 55658 | 38513 | 94171 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 190339 | 56082 | 246421 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 1485322 | 1365975 | 2851297 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 2620927 | 3606015 | 6226942 |
| 13. | Kerala | 1078354 | 542497 | 1620851 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 3518368 | 3882302 | 7400670 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 4924034 | 5891228 | 10815262 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 , | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Manipur | 49928 | 63702 | 113630 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 90888 | 80806 | 171694 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 12775 | 14008 | 26783 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 15985 | 14922 | 30907 |
| 20. | Orissa | 2587196 | 2411908 | 4999104 |
| 21. | Punjab | 1104140 | 385721 | 1489861 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 1055332 | 1468387 | 2523719 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 8762 | 8238 | 17000 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 4256360 | 4381270 | 8637630 |
| 25. | Tripura | 162640 | 113492 | 276132 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 8245599 | 5155312 | 13400911 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 190494 | 69189 | 259683 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 5080236 | 2282721 | 7362957 |
| 29. | A & N Islands | 4043 | 1126 | 5169 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 461 | 102 | 563 |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 5429 | 9286 | 14715 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 347 | 976 | 1323 |
| 33. | Delhi | 11224 | 4549 | 15773 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 42117 | 30134 | 72251 |
| | TOTAL | 57329100 | 49446230 | 106775330 |

*Note: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs. of Senapati District in Manipur State as census results were cancelled due to administrative and technical reasons.

***Statement-ll***

*Daily rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers fixed by different States/Union Territory Administrations under the Minimum Wages Act 1948*

| S.No. | State/Union Territory Administration | Minimum wages for unskilled agricultural workers in rupees | With effect from |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh* | 64.00 to 84.00 (as per Zone) | 7.8.2004 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh* | 39.87 (Area-I) 42.11 (Area-ll) | 22.5.2001 |
| 3. | Assam | 50.00 with food, shelter and clothing 60.00 without food, shelter and clothing | 6.1.2002 |
| 4. | Bihar | 52.00 | 25.3.2004 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 52.87 | 1.4.2002 |
| 6. | Goa* | 94.00 | 27.6.2003 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 50.00 | 1.4.2002 |
| 8. | Haryana | 84.29 with meal 88.29 without meal | 1.7.2004 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh* | 65.00 | 15.8.2003 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir* | 66.00 | June, 2005 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | $ | |
| 12. | Karnataka | 56.48 | 1.4.2004 |
| 13. | Kerala* | 72.00 for light work 125.00 for har work | 26.5.20P3 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 56.96 | 1.10.2004 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | Maharashtra | Zone-151.00<br>Zone-ll 49.00<br>Zone-Ill 47.00<br>Zone-IV 45.00 | 26.3.2001 |
| 16. | Manipur | 72.40 | 1.7.2005 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 70.00 | 1.6.2004 |
| 18. | Mizoram* | 91.00 | 1.1.2005 |
| 19. | Nagaland* | 66.00 | 1.2.2004 |
| 20. | Orissa | 52.50 | 1.1.2004 |
| 21. | Punjab | 87.59 | 1.9.2004 |
| 22. | Rajasthan* | 73.00 | 28.2.2004 |
| 23. | Sikkim | The Minimum Wages Act, .1948 has been extended w.e.f. 1.10.2004 . | |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu* | 54.00 | 28.10.1999 |
| 25. | Tripura* | 50.00 | 20.8.2002 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 58.00 | 4.2.2000 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 73.00 | 2.6.2004 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 107.99 with meal<br>110.97 without meal | |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar* | 100.00 (Andaman)<br>107.00 (Nicobar) | 10.6.2003 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 114.00 | 1.4.2005 |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 84.00 | 1.8.2004 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | $ | |

| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33. | Delhi | 110.10 | 1.7.2004 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | $ | |
| 35. | Pondicherry* | | |
| | Pondicherry | 45.00 to 54.00 for 5 | 21.6.2002 |
| | Mahe Region | Hours | |
| | | 120.00 for light work | 25.1.2005 |
| | Yanam Region | (proposed for 8 | 25.1.2005 |
| | Karaikal | Hours) | |
| | | 160.00 for hard work | |
| | | -do- | 8.7.2003 |
| | | 55.00 to 75.00 for6 | |
| | | Hours | 21.6.2002 |
| | | 45.00 to 54.00 for 5 | |
| | | Hours | |
| | Central Sphere | 102.00 to 114.00 | 16.6.2005 |

* No provision of Variable Dearness Allowance in the State. $ Not available.

The minimum wages also include the variable dearness allowance, wherever provided.

**Construction of National Highway in Bihar**

*276. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a National Highway f[om Chakia to Bairgania and Motihari to Sitamarhi in Bihar;

(b) whether construction of such a road is necessary in the interest of security of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) There is an existing road connection between Chakia and Bairgania in Bihar of which 13km length is part of National Highway 28 and National Highway 104 and 35.5 km is part of the State